

**Mansfield Advisory Committee
on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities**

Tuesday November 27, 2012

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

Attendance: Jennifer Tanner, Christina Colon-Semenza, Gloria Bent, Kevin Grunwald, staff

Regrets: Fred Goetz, Kathy Ann Easley, staff

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair, J. Tanner at 2:40 p.m.

The minutes for October 23, 2012 were approved with the following corrections: Correct the spelling to Semenza; a typo in reference to the Committee *on* Committees.

New Business

Membership: G. Bent will follow up with D. Clauson to determine her interest in the committee.

Annual Report: K. Grunwald distributed copies of the finalized annual report for MACPD.

Other: J. Tanner reported that at a recent sporting event at the ECSU Athletic Fields, located in Mansfield, the public bathrooms were locked and only one non-accessible Port-a-potty was available. An email to the Athletic Director resulted in an immediate response indicating that he would take steps to see that it did not happen again. The office for students with disabilities at ECSU will be made aware of the situation.

Old Business

Accessibility issues previously identified:

Curb Cuts

J. Tanner noted that some crosswalks on rte. 275 still do not have curb cuts though MACPD asked that the issue be addressed some time ago.. There is also a crosswalk on Bolton Road without a curb cut. K. Grunwald will draft a memo to Public Works and cc Town Council.

Mansfield Supply

K. Grunwald has clarified with the town Building Department that the construction of a ramp at Mansfield Supply will not necessitate the store making further renovations. He will send a follow-up note to Mansfield Supply to let them know.

South Eagleville sidewalk

By consensus the committee agreed to ask K. Grunwald to draft a letter to the Town Council asking about their plans for moving this project forward.

Representation on the Human Services Advisory Committee

F. Goetz has been appointed as MACPD representative on the Human Services Advisory Committee.

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

The committee discussed transportation issues, focusing on ADA transportation. It is only available to people who live within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of the fixed WRTD route. The Committee agreed to advocate for expanding the corridor and for better publicity of the service.

At the December meeting the committee will review a survey on public transportation developed by MAC and consider using a similar tool to gather data on public transportation needs among seniors and residents with disabilities.

Review of PZC referrals: A letter has been sent to Kueffner and Stoddard inquiring about the accessibility of the proposed ropes course. No response as yet.

Whispering Glen: The plan calls for 54 rental units.

K.Grunwald will draft a letter on behalf of MACPD making the recommendation that a certain number of units be constructed to be universally accessible, rather than relying on retrofitting as the need arises.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30. p.m.

Next meeting will be December 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Bent, recording secretary